



Lewisham

Summary of changes

Review of the statutory Statement of Principles for Gambling

September 2023

Introduction

The Council is the licensing authority in Lewisham for the purposes of premises-based licensing activity under the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act).

The Act has three licensing objectives:

- preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime.
- ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.
- protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

Every three years we must publish a gambling policy setting out the principles we will apply when exercising our licensing functions under the Act. Our policy plays a vital role in managing the risk of gambling-related harm in Lewisham and regulating gambling activity to lessen the risk of such harm.

We are proposing some minor changes to our existing policy to:

- update changes in the law and national guidance
- update out of date references.
- remove sections of the current policy that were out of date or no longer relevant.

We have consulted on those changes and sought the views of residents, licence holders, and other stakeholders. The consultation started on 24 July 2023 and ended at midnight on 27 August 2023.

We received 32 responses.

In line with paragraph 5.5 in Part A of the draft statement of principles, officers have carefully considered the consultee's views, and where appropriate have amended the draft document to reflect those views.

This document provides a summary of the changes we have made to the draft policy following the consultation and the reasons for those changes.

Summary of changes to the draft statement of principles for gambling.

Page number	What have we changed?	Why have we changed it?
All	We have increased the text contrast to make the text easier to read.	To ensure the document is accessible and complies with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.
Part A Page 6 Paragraph 5.4	We have updated information regarding the consultation on this statement.	To provide accurate and up to date information.
Part A Page 11 Paragraph 8.2	Removed the word “here” and included a link to the Safer Communities privacy notice.	To provide the relevant link.
Part B Page 16 Paragraph 1.1	We have updated the Census information.	To provide updated information obtained from the 2021 Census.
Part B Paragraphs 2.1 to 2.10	We have re-written and re-arranged these paragraphs.	To remove references to gambling statistics that may be inaccurate, unreliable, lack context, or become out of date during the life of this statement of principles.
Part B Pages 17 and 18 Paragraph 2.4	We have changed the word “loses” to “losses” (this is now contained in paragraph 2.7)	To correct the typographical error.
Part B Page 23 Paragraph 6.3	We have re-written this paragraph.	To remove references to gambling statistics that may be unreliable, lack context, and become out of date during the life of this statement of principles.

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Part G Page 68 Paragraphs 1.2 to 1.6	We have included new explanatory paragraphs and a link to the Council's gambling fees and licensing register.	In response to consultation responses, we have provided information regarding licence fees and a link to the website to enable customers to view the fees.
Appendix 2 Page 72 Paragraphs 1.1 to 1.6	We have updated information regarding the consultation on this statement.	To provide accurate and up to date information.
Appendix 3 Pages 73-75	We have updated information regarding the consultees.	To provide accurate and up to date information.
Appendix 5 Pages 76 to 88	We have reformatted the tables to remove accessibility issues and enable people to access the information using a screen reader.	To ensure the document is accessible and complies with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.